

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

September 16, 2015

NJ Fathers Matter, it is with this in mind that the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the 3rd year in row continue its commitment to promote the national event *Dads Take Your Child to School Day*. This annual event seeks to jump-start or renew a father's commitment to participate in his child's life, regardless of the child's age and/or his residential status within the home.

This event asks fathers/father figures to take their child to school with the expectation that he will remain engaged throughout the school year and beyond. As such, DCF proudly shares the following reported events taking place across the state from Early Head Start programs to high school.

Note: DCF is clear that this list does not capture all events taking place on this day or throughout the school year. As such, the community is encouraged to contact local schools, community centers, child care facilities, etc. to determine if an event is scheduled. Otherwise, do support and commend all that have reported an event thus far:

Name of School and/or Organization	Address	Event/Activity
Oakcrest High School SBYSP	184 Dennis Foreman Drive, Mays Landing, NJ Contact: Rebecca.Miller-Murphy@atlanticare.org	9/11/15 and 9/24/15 Father/Child softball game and follow-up bowling event. There is a theme "Building positive relationships and increase healthy communication (anti-bullying).
NORWESCAP	350 Marshall Street, Phillipsburg, NJ Contact: Jonathan Asayag asayagj@norwescap.org	9/15/15 Information and Referral regarding youth substance abuse prevention and the fatherhood program.
Fatherhood Healthy Relationships Initiative (Southern Region)	NEW LOCATION Cooper B. Hatch Family School 1875 Park Blvd, Camden, NJ Phone:(856) 966-5122 Contact: Kareem Lovelace-Crump (609)-805-3999	9/16/15; 8:30-9:30am <i>Dads and Donuts Day</i> is a part of the two-year, DCF state-wide Fatherhood Healthy Relationships Initiative administered through the Youth Advocate Program (YAP). The Initiative provides tools and skill building in Nurturing Parenting methods, healthy co-parenting relationships, employment skills etc.

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Fatherhood Healthy Relationships Initiative (Northern Region)	<p>NEW ADDITION</p> <p>Early Childhood School- South 255 Chancellor Ave., Newark, NJ !</p> <p>Contact: Jason Arrington (862)240-4231</p>	<p>9/16/15; 8:25am</p> <p><i>Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dads Take Your Child to School Day event.</i></p> <p>A part of the two-year, DCF state-wide Fatherhood Healthy Relationships Initiative administered through the Youth Advocate Program (YAP).</p> <p>The Initiative provides tools and skill building in Nurturing Parenting methods, healthy co-parenting relationships, employment skills etc.</p>
Willingboro High School SBYSP: Making Visions Possible	<p>20 S John F Kennedy Way, Willingboro NJ</p> <p>Contact: Demnuel Edmondson Dedmondson@wboe.net</p>	<p>9/16/15</p> <p>Guest speaker, Reggie Brown former Eagles Player, a discussion around the importance of fatherhood with students and their fathers or father figures.</p>
John F. Kennedy High School SBYSP: Silk City	<p>61-127 Preakness Ave, Paterson, NJ</p> <p>Contact: William Raheem Smallwood rsmallwoodsbybsp@paterson.k12.nj.us wsmallwood@patersonnj.gov</p>	<p>9/16/15; 8am-12pm</p> <p>DTYCTS will be the sounding board for an ongoing relationship between fathers and school personnel. We also are establishing a Fatherhood community board to support fathers and their children.</p>
Tinc Road Elementary School Family Friendly Center	<p>150 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, NJ</p> <p>Contact: Gail Reuther greuther@optline.net</p>	<p>9/16/15; 7am- 8:30am</p> <p>Hosting a breakfast for Dads before school.</p>
Pemberton High School SBYSP	<p>148 Arney's Mount Rd. Pemberton, NJ</p> <p>Contact: Jrodier@legacytreatment.org</p>	<p>9/16/15</p> <p>Breakfast with Dads at the school</p>
Jackson Avenue Elementary FFC	<p>421 Jackson Ave, Hackenstown, NJ</p> <p>Contact: Marcela Moncloa m.moncloa@hackensackschools.org</p>	<p>9/16/15</p> <p>Dad's Take Your Child to School - Coffee & Bagels with the Principal</p>

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Clifton High School SBYSP: Teen Center	333 Colfax Ave, Clifton NJ Contact: Patricia Kramer Pkramer@njcdc.org	9/16/15 We have breakfast for students and fathers in the Teen Center, which will also give dads a chance to see our center.
La Casa de Don Pedro--McKinley School	1 Colonnade Place, Newark NJ Contact: Ed Hernandez ehernandez@lacasanwk.org	9/16/15; 7:30-8:30am La Casa was at 10 different schools the first day of school and took photographs of 194 fathers and their children. In addition we have invited those fathers back to join us on September 16th, 2015 to retrieve their photos. We will take this opportunity to engage fathers in various events including job search opportunities, joining parent advisory boards etc.
Salem City High School SBYSP	219 Walnut Street, Salem City, NJ Contact: Ina Jetter jetter@salemnj.org	9/17/15 Tailgate Party prior to first home game of the season. The event will host various activities; food, music, literature, vendor tables, and a movie.
Woodrow Wilson High School SBYSP	3100 Federal Street, Camden NJ Contact: Neffesa Wiggins nwiggins@camden.k12.nj.us	9/18/15; 8:30-9:30am "Dads Take Your Child to School" event We will greet fathers and discuss the importance of the role of a father, recite the pledge, give out t-shirts and encourage fathers to come out to upcoming school events.
Kearny High Schools SBYSP	336 Devon Street, Kearny NJ Contact: Marilyn Kaplan mkaplan@kearnyschools.com	9/18/15 Baseball game with dinner. Prior to the trip students will write each father/guardian a letter acknowledging their father's importance in their lives.

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Buena High School SBYSP Teen Center	125 Weymouth Road, Buena NJ Contact: Cathleen Morris cmorris@buena.k12.nj.us	9/19/15; 5pm Father Football Night to promote an increase in positive male role models, healthy relationships and communication skills.
Buena Middle School SBYSP	175 Weymouth Road, Buena NJ Contact: Cathleen Morris Cmorris@buena.k12.nj.us	09/19/15; 8am <i>Bring your Dad to Buena</i> to promote an increase in positive male role models, healthy relationships and communication skills.
Camden City School District	Contact: Andrea Aumaitre Andrea.Aumaitre@camden.k12.nj.us	9/19/15; 11:00am-3:00pm "Dads Take Your Child to School Carnival" Fathers and their children will participate in engaging activities and receive community resource information.
Bayonne High School SBYSP	669 Avenue A, Bayonne NJ Contact: psmith@bboed.org	9/22/15 Father/Father figure involvement informal conversation with an interactive setting for dads.
Keansburg High School & Port Monmouth Road School SBYSP and FFC	140 Port Monmouth Road, Keansburg, NJ Contact: Brian Smith jsmith@keansburg.k12.nj.us	9/22/15 Dads Take Your Child to School with collaborations with the APPI program and local Father's group. Each participant will receive a photo.
Penns Grove High School SBYSP	334 Harding Way, Penns Grove NJ Contact: Sharon Riley sriley@cfqp.com	9/23/15 The Honorable Mr. Angel Fuentes; former Camden Assemblyman will speak at "Dads Take Your Child to School day" 10/21/15 <i>Cooking with Dad</i> , in coordination with Food Bank of South Jersey.

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Ewing High School SBYSP	900 Parkway Avenue, Ewing NJ Contact: Aisha Benedith abenedith@ewingboe.org	Mid-September TBA A speaker from UIH Family Partners will engage male youth and the fathers in a discussion targeting concerns regarding the pressures of gender roles, body image, their own notions of masculinity and achieving within their education. After the discussion students and fathers will go bowling and play laser tag.
Vineland High School & Wallace Middle School SBYSP	2880 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ Contact: Brenda Smaniotto smaniotto@ihn.org	9/25/15 Dinner with Dad. Their siblings and fathers or father figures are invited to a dinner. There will be games, team-building activities and a motivational speaker.
Clayton Public Schools SBYSP	350 E. Clinton Avenue, Clayton NJ Contact: Kathy Bress kbress@claytonps.org	9/26/15; 9:30am-4:30pm We will be taking 20 students and 20 role models who the students choose to a Rutgers Football game
Brick Township High School SBYSP	346 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick, NJ Contact: Dave Seegert dseegert@brickschools.org	9/26/15 "Pins and Pizza with your Pops" bowling night. Father and Father figures will also get a custom tee-shirt for attendance.
Orange High School SBYSP	400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange NJ Contact: Joy Simeon jsimeon@familyconnections.org	9/30/15; 4pm-7pm Father Son Basketball Tournament

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Highland Park High/Middle School SBYSP	102 North Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ Contact: Elizabeth Asamoah eeasamoah@hpschools.net	September 2015 Rutgers Football Game for students and their fathers or identified male role models. 10/16/15 <i>Me and My Guy Dance</i> for students and their fathers/male role models.
Plainfield High School SBYSP	925 Arlington Ave, Plainfield NJ Contact: Stacey Greene sgreene@plainfield.k12.nj.us	September 2015 Middle School and High School students along with Fathers will attend a Summerset Patriots baseball team game. On the bus ride to/from the stadium there will be parent engagement activities.
Winslow High School SBYSP	10 Coopers Folly Road, Winslow, NJ Contact: wallerda@winslow-schools.com	September 2015 Meet the principal during Dads Take Your Child to School Day.
Robeson School SBYSP	Commercial Avenue, New Brunswick Contact: Meredith Mason-Blount meredith_blount@nbps.k12.nj.us	September 2015 Breakfast with Dads
Elizabeth High School-Halsey Academy SBYSP	600 Pearl Street, Elizabeth NJ Contact: Lisa Perry lperry@trinitas.org	September/October- Community Service/Art-Eco Project. Participants along with their Father/Male Figure will decorate clear/clean-up a community garden in Newark.
Eastside High School SBYSP	150 Park Avenue Room 130-132 Paterson NJ Contact: Kathy Barreto kbarreto@yccs.org	10/1/15; 4:30-7:30pm <i>"A Few Good Men"</i> outdoor family fun day with guest speakers and a male panel. There will be a video game bus, inflatable obstacle course and community resources
Clifton Avenue Elementary FFC	625 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood, NJ Contact: Marianne Bradley-Arkush mbradleyarkush@piners.org	12/17/15; 4pm-6pm <i>Honor your Father Figure</i> - 2nd annual event
Trenton Central High School SBYSP	Trenton High School Location-TBA Contact: Melda Grant Mgrant@trenton.k12.nj.us	April/May 2016 Father Daughter Dance